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Microsoft has been found guilty of using illegal tactics to maintain a monopoly. This is a very serious offense, especially when put into the context of intentionally violating not its first, but its second consent decree. Further evidence that they have not and will not reform their behavior is the fact that they not once, but twice presented fraudulent testimony in Federal Court.

The citizens of the US (and the world) deserve protection from further illegal Microsoft activities. I do not believe the current settlement is sufficient deterrence. I propose:

That Microsoft be REQUIRED to disseminate 95% of its current cash reserves to its stock holders.

This reserve is estimated to be in excess of \$20 Billion. There are approximately 1 Billion shares, so this is \$20/share. No stockholder is harmed by this; it may, in fact, stimulate the economy which would be useful at this time.

This will leave Microsoft with no debt and \$1 Billion in cash reserves. Certainly this is still a strong financial position for any company. The effect with regard to Microsoft tactics will be to reduce (but not eliminate) the ability of Microsoft to purchase (or threaten to purchase) companies that are competing against it. This Microsoft method has been well documented in the various journal and newspapers in the technology field.

Thank you for your consideration.

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